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Mike A is mystery man

'He tried to bully me to back off NBN-ZTE deal'

BUSINESSMAN JOSE de Venecia III yesterday named Jose Miguel Arroyo as the "mystery man" who supported the controversial $329-million broadband deal with China, thrust his finger inches away from his face and barked at him to "back off" from the deal.



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OUSTED PRESIDENT JOSEPH ESTRADA, sentenced to life in prison after being convicted of plunder, said yesterday he would consider a presidential pardon that could set him free.

Imelda wants speedy trial

By Jocelyn R. Uy

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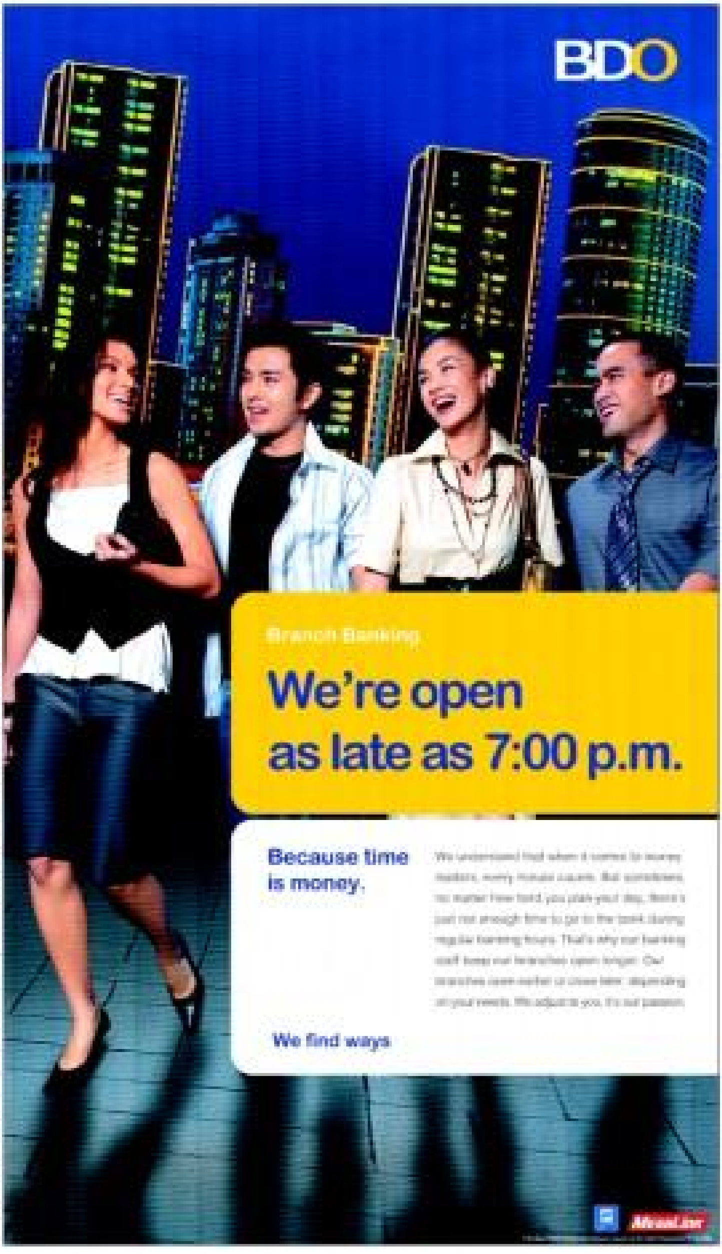
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PDIC president Mike Osmeña dies; 57

PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT Insurance Corp. president Michael "Mike" Aldana Osmeña passed away on Monday after a brief bout with cancer.

The board of directors, management and staff of the PDIC announced the death of Osmeña, 57, who took over the helm of the state-owned corporation on July 4 last year.

Osmeña is survived by his wife, Theresa Magno Osmeña and three sons, Ramon, Jaime and Stefan.

His remains are in Kamagong Room, Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque. Interment shall be on Sept. 22 after the 9 a.m. funeral mass at the St. James the Great Church in Ayala Alabang.

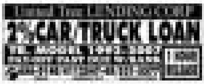
"His term as PDIC president was marked by improvement in the corporation's service delivery, organizational efficiency, financial strength and employee welfare. He strongly supported advocacy programs in enhancing financial literacy education and savings discipline," the PDIC management and staff said in a statement yesterday.

He was also a government nominee to the Boards of the Philippine Bank of Communications and the Philippine National Bank. During his term, the PDIC played a critical role in the government's exit from the PNB after a successful rehabilitation, marked by the sale of government's shares via public offering.

Prior to his stint in the PDIC, Osmeña was a veteran of 30 years and held various management positions in corporate finance, credit management and investment banking.

He was a senior officer and sales director of ABN Amro responsible in building the consumer business and ... worked with Bank of America Savings Bank as chief marketing officer.

Osmeña also served as assistant vice president of Citibank N.A. for more than a decade (1977-1988) where he handled all aspects of global trade relationships of various Philippine-based multinational corporations. *—Doris C. Dumlao*















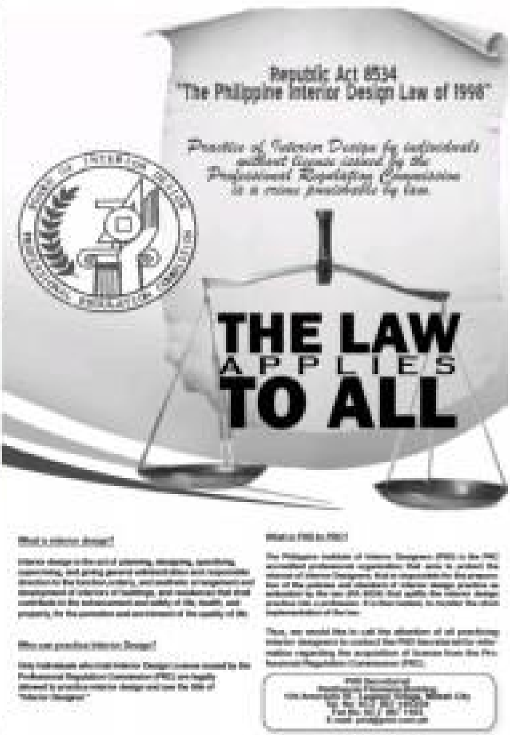












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Amsterdam Holdings Inc., which lost the contract for the NBN project to ZTE Corp.

De Venecia also recounted how Abalos, in a separate meeting with officials of China's ZTE Corp., which he attended, allegedly demanded advance commissions and claimed Mr. Arroyo and his father, Speaker Jose de Venecia, were opposing the money.

The younger De Venecia said he was shocked by Abalos' attempt to drag the names of Mr. Arroyo and of his father, and he pulled Abalos aside "to warn him against the pernicious namedropping." But when the meeting resumed, he said Abalos continued with his demands.

Heavy heart

In his opening statement, De Venecia said: "It is with a heavy heart that I must say that it was First Gentleman Mike Arroyo at the reconciliatory meeting."

"I do, however, want to make clear that it was his presence alone that I observed and I have no other indication of his participation in the NBN project or the deal with ZTE," he said.

The Senate and House of Representatives are investigating the ZTE contract amid calls that it be rescinded because it was allegedly overpriced by $130 million and attended by corruption. Two economists claimed that the NBN project was unnecessary because the private sector already had own broadband networks.

Last week, the Supreme Court ordered a temporary stop to the NBN contract, which was signed in April in Boao, China, by Communications Secretary Leandro Mendoza and ZTE vice president Yu Yong in ceremonies witnessed by President Arroyo.

Reconciliatory meeting

The young De Venecia was referring to the "reconciliatory meeting" in a function room of Wack Wack, where De Venecia said Arroyo tried to 'bully' him to get him to withdraw AHI's unsolicited proposal for the NBN project.

"Binitbit niya po ako (He threatened me)," he said to reply to Sen. Francis Pangilinan's question.

Pangilinan said the act of the President's husband, who left the country for Hong Kong on the eve of the Senate inquiry, was more like a "pangbabato (browbeating)."

The "reconciliation" meeting was called by Mendoza to patch up differences between De Venecia and Abalos, who allegedly brokered the ZTE deal in exchange for a kickback.

Golf buddies

"I believe Abalos and the First Gentleman and Mendoza are very close friends. They play a lot of golf. They're buddies," he said.

Other persons at the meeting, according to De Venecia, were Abalos' chief of staff Jimmy Paz, Abalos security staffer Quirino de la Torre, Ruben Reyes and Leo San Miguel. (De Venecia apologized to Edgar Dula Torres, a retired police official, whom he had mistakenly identified as being part of Abalos' group when he was actually referring to De la Torre).

Heavier person

"My impression is that Chairman Abalos had asked him (Arroyo) to convince me to withdraw (my bid). It's like in a fight where you will ask a heavier person to back you up," De Venecia said.

De Venecia said Mendoza spoke first: "Joey (De Venecia), the chairman is here. The First Gentleman is here."

Abalos supposedly told him: "Joey, I forgive you for your sins."

Abalos was apparently referring to De Venecia's claim that the Comelec chairman had gotten mad at him for telling ZTE officials that he (Abalos) wanted big advance commissions.

De Venecia said he did not reply, and asked instead if Abalos' proposal be...



REENACTMENT: De Venecia used his fellow resource person, Bohol Vice Gov. Bobot Suplico, at the Senate probe to demonstrate how Mike Arroyo tried to "bully" him to withdraw his own bid for the government's broadband project.

Senators fear 'dynamic obsolescence'

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Three committee chairs expressed the view that the government could end up with an antiquated communication network before it had fully paid the 20-year loan with the Chinese firm, ZTE Corp.

Ramon Sales, former chair of the Commission on Information and Communications Technology (CICT), justified the NBN contract, citing the government's increasing communication expenses.

"What I can't accept is that the telecom cost of the government keeps going up," said Sales who resigned last May.

Sen. Manuel Roxas II, chair of the Senate committee on trade and commerce, likened the government's NBN project to a buying its own airline because it was spending a lot on air travel.

"It's like, we are spending so much on air travel, let's buy our own airplane. We are spending so much on helicopters to go to the Hong Kong, let's build a road all the way to there ... It's not the most efficient, effective use of government money," said Roxas.

No assurance

Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano, Senate blue ribbon committee chair, said his concern was that if the government entered into a 20-year NBN deal, "we might get stuck with obsolete technology." He cited the "Pilipinas sa Bawat ..." project that was eventually ditched with the advent of cellular phone technology.

Roxas, chair of the defense committee, said there was no assurance that the government could continue to use the NBN infrastructure to be put up by ZTE for the next 20 years.

"If we invest here, how long can we use the system before it becomes obsolete?" he asked.

Sales said the answer depended on the situation.

He cited potential savings of about P26.4 billion in the next 20 years under the contract with ZTE Corp., while rival Amsterdam Holdings Inc.'s proposal offered savings of around P21 billion for the same period.

But Sales later told reporters the CICT could not compare the two proposals and the potential savings since the two firms had used different approaches to arrive at their figures.

Under questioning, Sales admitted the extrapolated savings were based on the Department of Transportation and Communications' assumption that the government would be spending P4 billion annually for communications, or about P80 billion in the next 20 years. He admitted he had not read the DOTC's "supply contract" with ZTE Corp.

Figures bloated

But Roxas said the DOTC's figure was bloated since the proposed 2008 national budget only allocated P1.7 billion for communication expenses.

"It is very clear that just because we have high ... one category it does not ... government should ... own backbone ... government has ... an ability to ... maintain and keep ... highly technological ... all purposes of this ..." said.

He added that ... would still have to ... minimum like ...

Senate warns Mike A: Snubbing in...

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE SENATE HAS WARNED the husband of President Macapagal-Arroyo against snubbing its inquiry into the $329-million contract won by China's ZTE Corp. for the national broadband network project.

Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo's refusal to answer the charges made by businessman Jose de Venecia III would be taken to mean he was guilty, said Sen. Alan Cayetano, chair of the Senate blue ribbon committee which leads the Senate inquiry.

Mr. Arroyo left for Hong Kong on Sept. 17, the eve of the opening of the Senate hearings into the ZTE deal.

"There's damning testimony against them," Cayetano said.

"Unlike before when they refused to appear (because) they want to talk less to make less mistakes, right now if they don't appear what do you think would be the conclusion of the people?" he said.

But Cayetano, who had crossed swords with Arroyo in the 12th Congress, said the Senate might issue an "invitation" first to Arroyo and then the others ...

Invitation/subpoena

The original plan ... blue ribbon committee ... the committee set ... ance and as defense ... subpoena.

He invited guest ... Senate subpoena was ... the guest could be ... ed by the Senate to ... send the hearing.

Cayetano said the ... discuss whether to ... ies with the other ...

Doc, lawyer say FG trip set long befo...

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Dr. Romeo Cariño said the Senate probe on the new scandal involving Arroyo would have been stressful to him since he had just recovered from life-threatening surgery.

But he should have been in the country when Jose "Joey" de Venecia III testified at the Senate, "to avoid suspicion that he is hiding," Cariño said, adding that Arroyo would let his lawyers handle the matter anyway.

"Kun pag wala siya, lagi siyang pinag-uusapan (Because when he's away, people always talk about him)," the doctor said.

He conceded that Arroyo's departure was bad timing. "Nakakasama naman siya, kasi pag ..."

Cariño, a senior heart surgeon with the Philippine Heart Center, performed the emergency 13-hour aneurysmectomy on President Macapagal-Arroyo's husband after he was diagnosed with a dissecting aortic aneurysm (a condition in which a tear develops in the biggest blood vessel in the body).

Doctors said the survival rate among those afflicted was only 1 percent.

Arroyo's survival led him to call Cariño his "miracle surgeon."

Was it the stress?

The surgery was conducted on April 3, a few weeks after the meeting in which Arroyo supposedly threatened De Venecia and told him to "back off" the National Broadband Network (NBN) project contracted by China's ZTE Corp.

Asked if the stress of the NBN meetings in March could have aggravated Arroyo's heart condition, leading to the emergency surgery, Cariño merely laughed.

He said his patient's trip to Europe had been planned for some time.

Cariño said Arroyo sought his permission two months ago to go on a two-week trip to Europe. "He really wanted to go abroad. He said he will go to Europe with his friends. Para maka-ling daw siya daw."

The doctor said he gave the go-signal because the patient was already fit to resume "normal activities."

"He already plays golf—I think, at least twice a week," the doctor said.

2nd trip overseas

Cariño said Arroyo did not specify his ultimate destination in Europe. But according to sources speaking off the record, Arroyo was to fly to Munich in Germany from Hong Kong.

It is Arroyo's second trip abroad, after the trip with the President to Sydney, Australia, for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit on Sept. 6-10. (He did not join the activities lined up for the spouses of the Apec leaders during the summit, however.)

Cariño said the only advice he gave his patient was to lie flat on his back during the long-haul flight to Europe. He said he was assured that the airline could meet this requirement.

"He should be lying flat, otherwise he will have ..." doctor said.

Cariño saw no prob... ious attending the Se... if he is called upon ... long as he can stand ... pressure" and be dr... asked ("Huwag lang ...")

Let him be

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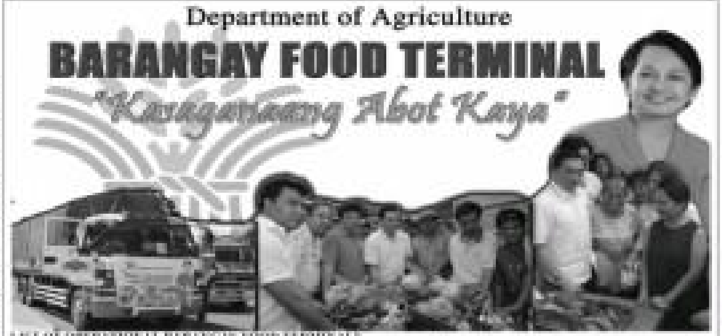
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in La Trinidad, Benguet

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THE PARENTS OF GERALDINE PALMA, THE 7-YEAR-OLD GIRL who was kidnapped and raped, yesterday gave authorities the go-signal to exhume their daughter's body and subject it to a DNA test.

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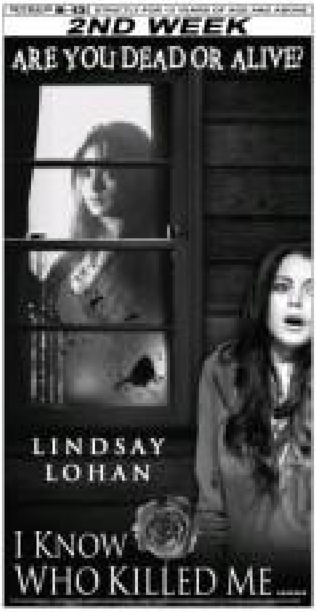


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US-based Muslim charity accused of funding terrorists

New US attorney general





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JV CASIO, La Salle's chance yesterday, gets two of his 21 points off Ateneo's Chris Tiu.

Archers shoot down Eagles for No. 2 slot

Ateneo forced into playoff vs UST Tigers

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'Most relaxed atmosphere'

Archer Bail banned





N'woods, Eastridge forge Fed golf title duel

Lions, Knights start battle for NCAA crown

By Marc Anthony Reyes





World darts tilt RP qualifier unfurls Friday

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World oil prices hit $81/barrel

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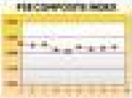
SINGAPORE—OIL PRICES TOPPED $81 A BARREL FOR the first time on Tuesday, setting another record high amid fears of critically tight supplies for the winter season in the United States.



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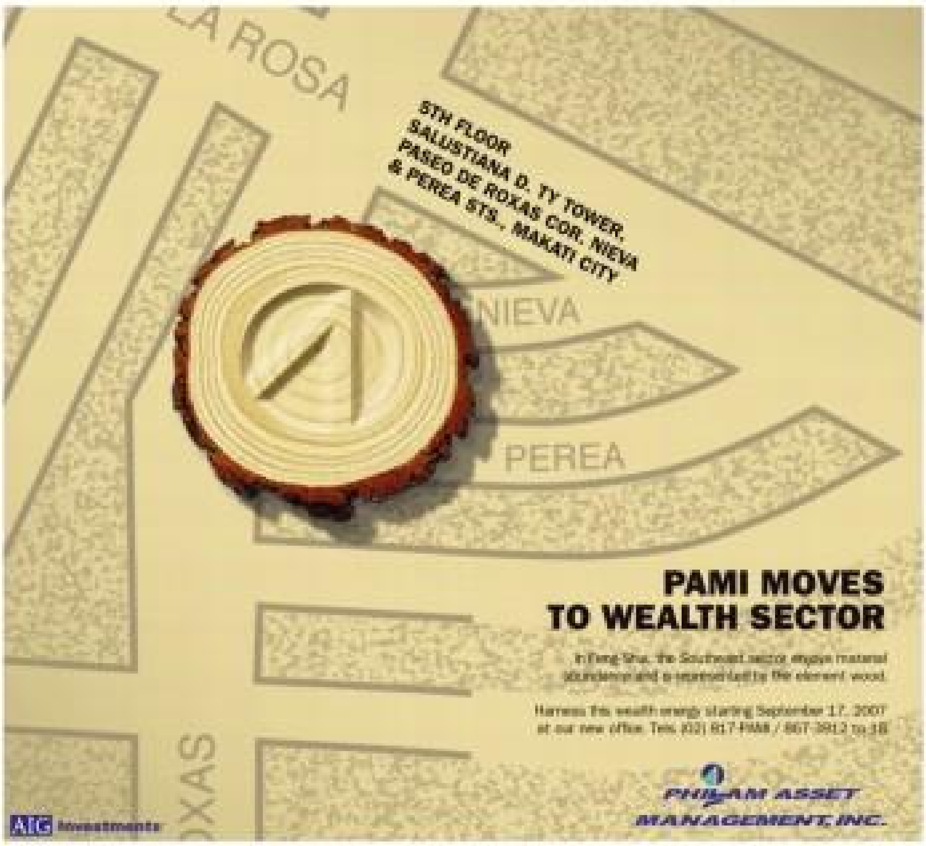
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RP exports now less vulnerable to currency swings

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By Michelle V. Remo



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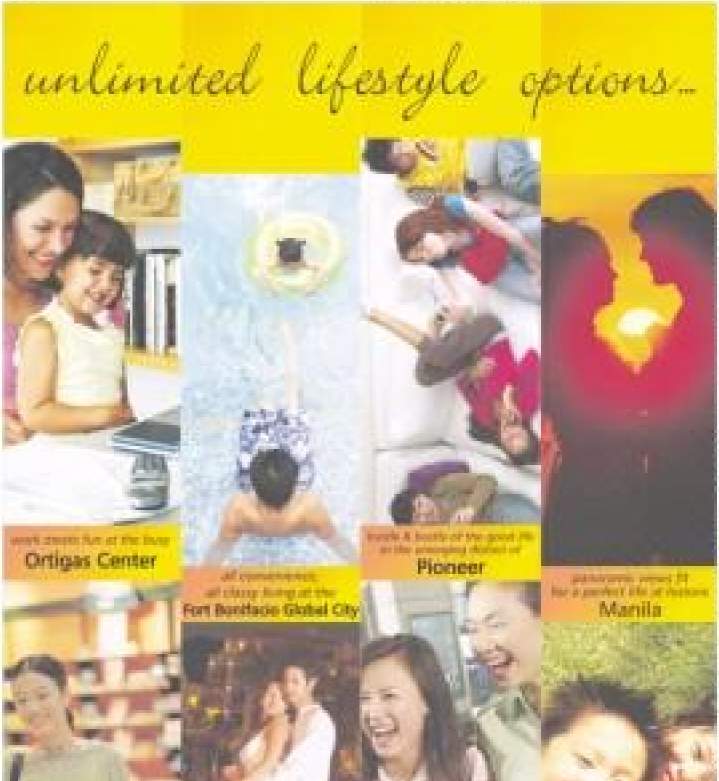
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MOTORING

The 'tough' visits the 'fearless'

THE FORMER VIETNAM War veteran certainly looked towering from a distance, and he loomed even larger as he, along with the other Ford Group Philippines delegates ... Cherry Ramirez and ... climbed up the grand spiral staircase of the Inquirer ... offices.

Ford Group Philippines president Rick Baker visits the INQUIRER 'barracks' to get the feel of the 'hot guns.' Boy, were we smokin'





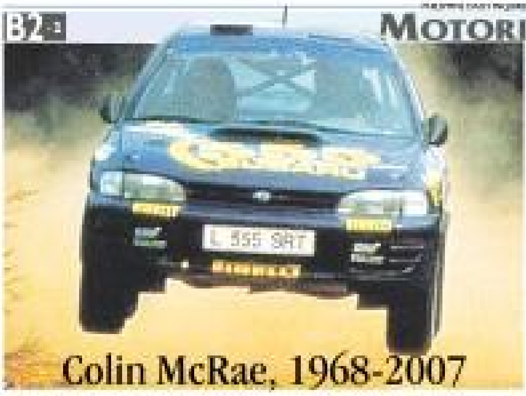
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Volvo Cars focuses on fuel efficiency

Energy efficiency



Colin McRae, 1968-2007

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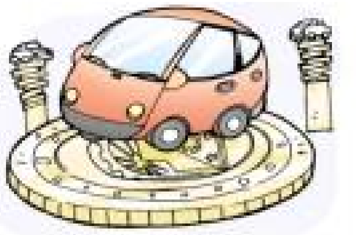
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Enjoying RP sights using few liters of diesel

By Charles E. Buban

TO BE FUEL EFFICIENT does not mean one has to drive too slow or endure scorching cabin temperatures.

In fact, the most fuel-efficient speed to gain fuel already between 70 and 90 kilometers per hour (kph) and there are other fuel-saving techniques—aside from turning the aircon off—that could be used while not taking away the pleasure in driving.

"Driving should be fun even if you want to save on fuel. With this year's edition of the Isuzu Challenge, we were again able to show that achieving fuel economy need not be boring," said Isuzu Philippines Corp. president Keiji Takeda.

The Isuzu Challenge, which began in 2002, has been visiting different places around the country, letting its participants enjoy the Philippine sights while trying to achieve consuming the least amount of fuel.

Road trip style

This time, IPC decided to make a road-trip style that year was a champion editorial of activity that covered 1,764 kilometers starting from Luzon all the way to Mindanao using the diesel maker's current models—Alterra 4X2, D-Max 4x4 and Crosswind Sportivo (all were manual).

"This year, we challenged our nine participating teams—three for each model—if they can go the distance. The participants joined three legs of an average driving from Aug. 22 to 26," Takeda shared.

All participants were either Isuzu customers or members of the motoring media.

Stock vehicles

"Also, IPC provided all the stock vehicles used in the contest to guarantee parity and to mention that the teams were ready to drive, with the air conditioner on to simulate real



WHILE ATTEMPTING to achieve the least amount of diesel fuel consumed, the participants crossed seas enjoying the sights at the same time.

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2bU! goes to Cagayan de Oro

Samsung lives up to its former slogan 'Everyone's Invited' by bringing Inquirer 2bU! to Cagayan de Oro, along with a group of lomographers from LomoManila. In these pages, we use words plus images from over 20 toy cameras to capture not just the craziness of the Great Samsung Sale but the fun fiesta and exciting secrets of the City of Golden Friendship. Enjoy!



Ring in the fun!

The formula for an unforgettable trip? One colorful city, a group of lomographers, over 20 toy cameras and one undeniably great sale

By Pam Pastor

THEY WEREN'T KIDDING when they called it The Great Samsung Sale.

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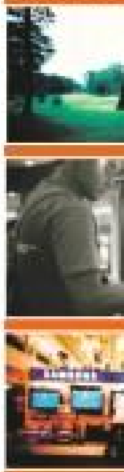
Ring in the fun!

A taste of awesome Supersampling from Ruby de Vera





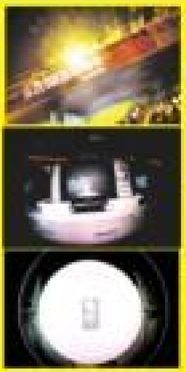
Jill Lejano



Rollie Valenzuela shows his



GET some TLR love from Jay Lara









Beauty pageant, CDO-style



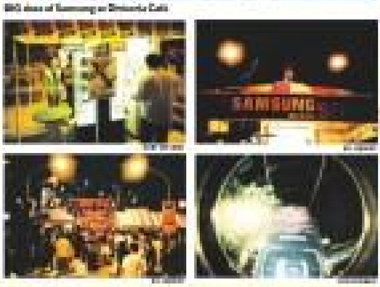
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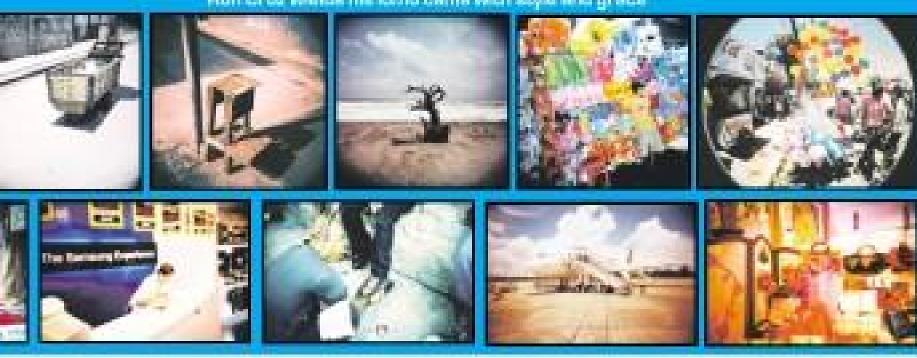
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Ron Cruz wields his lomo cams with style and grace

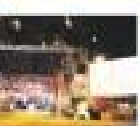


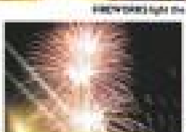
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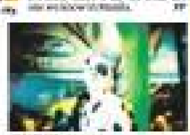


FIREWORKS light the sky

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CREATURE of the night





THIS Tiger no longer flies.

Diner dash

P. JOE'S DINER in Limketkai Center looks and feels like an authentic American diner, complete with a bar equipped with leather stools, cozy booths and vintage paraphernalia.



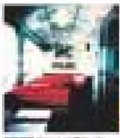
AMERICAN diner, CDO-style

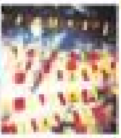
But not all diners have an old airplane sticking out of its façade like P. Joe's.

There was even a time when diners could actually go inside and explore the plane's interiors. While you can no longer do that nowadays, there are other things you can do at P. Joe's: enjoy the food, hang out with friends and take a ton of photos.

Try the baby back ribs, juicy burgers, hotdogs, chicken fingers, mozzarella sticks and shakes. The food is good—good enough to help you forget your desire to find out what's inside that old airplane.

Visit P. Joe's Diner at Rosario Bldg. Limketkai Center Cagayan de Oro. Call 088-8591230.

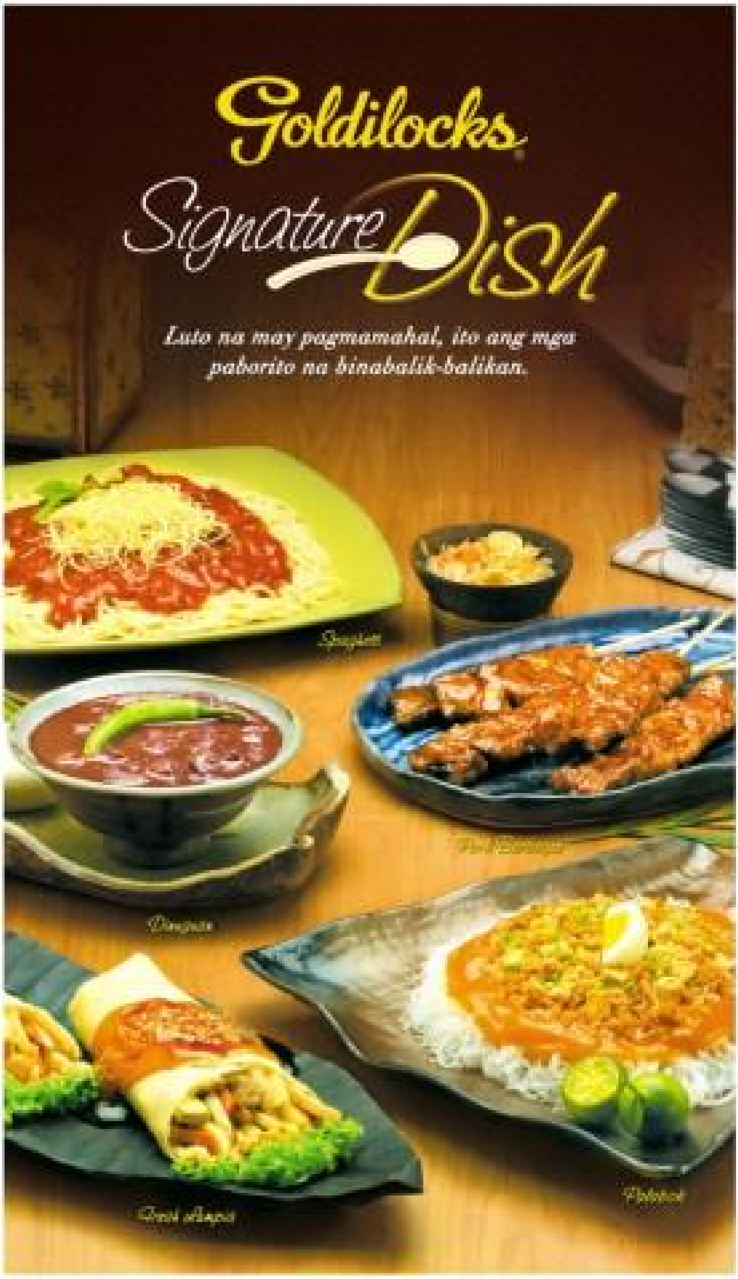




GOOD times at P. Joe's



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Pineapple paradise

WE TOOK A SIDE TRIP TO PINEAPPLE paradise—the Del Monte Plantation in Bukidnon.

After an almost hour-long bumpy, rainy van ride, we were rewarded with a view of hectares and hectares of pineapples waiting to be picked.

People aren't kidding when they call Bukidnon "the food basket of Mindanao."

But the Del Monte Plantation is home to more than just pineapples and cattle. It also boasts of a world-class, 18-hole golf course and a clubhouse that serves thick steaks.

Pam Pastor



WAITING to be picked

Chicken overload

KAGAYANONS GET THEIR REGULAR dose of crispy chicken goodness from Sunburst, a food chain found all over Visayas and Mindanao. Even tourists are big fans. People who have visited Cagayan de Oro have extolled the virtues of eating at Sunburst via countless travel websites.

Diners are given the option of choosing their favorite chicken parts to be enjoyed with steamed rice. The Chix n Crackers is a must-try. The killer combination of fried chicken skin and potato chips is so good that people bring orders back to Manila in Ziploc bags. And the best part—they stay crisp even after reheating.

The potato salad is worth a try too. Enjoy!

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More Cagayan De Oro fun

A COLORFUL FIESTA, WHITEWATER rafting, good food and even a road trip to a pineapple plantation aren't the only things you can enjoy in Cagayan de Oro.

Here are some other possible adventures for tourists seeking all kinds of thrills in this lovely place:

- If you're extra-gutsy, try the canopy walk, rappel or give the zip line a shot at the Mindanao Adventure Park.
- Kayak at the Cagayan River.
- Enjoy the Catanico Falls.
- Go horseback riding and hiking at the Mapawa Nature Park.
- Visit the St. Augustine Cathedral, the home of the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro.
- Check out the Macahambus Cave, an underground cave that was the site of the famous Battle of Macahambus Hill between local soldiers and American soldiers during the war in 1900.

Pam Pastor



Shooting the rapids

You keep your foot constantly locked to make sure you don't fall off the raft. Sure, the guide has taught you what to do in case you fall into the water—but you have no plans of giving that a shot











Aiko Finally Reveals The Secret To Her Weight-Loss

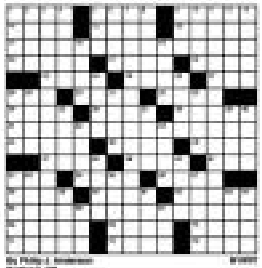
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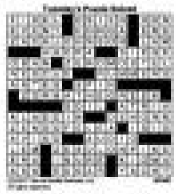


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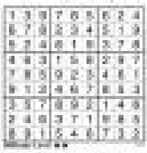
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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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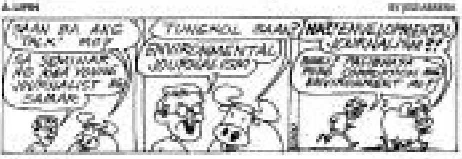
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

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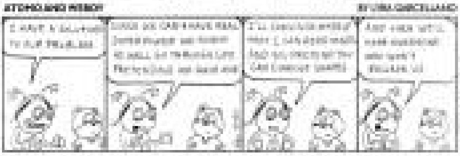


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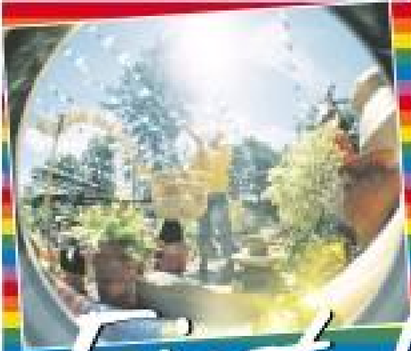
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Fiesta!





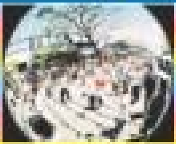

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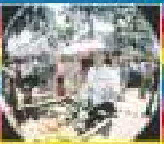
GOLDEN FLOATS, MARCHING bands, beauty queens and an overload of color characterized Cagayan de Oro's recent fiesta. Locals cheered and visitors stood in awe as the city freed its [illegible] with one big street party, unmindful of the scorching midday sun.

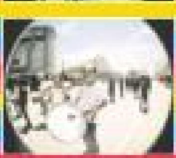
More affectionately called The City of Golden Friendship, Cagayan de Oro's reputation for fun, [illegible] and friendship is much deserved. Dubbed as "Beyond the Usual," the festival showcased that warmth and generous spirit to the hilt.

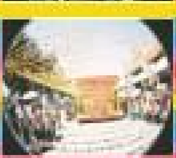


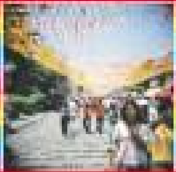













CAROUSEL captain



'Perya' invasion

WE HAD TIME TO KILL ON OUR first day in Cagayan de Oro, so we took a walk around the Limketkai area, past the street stalls. Soon, we found ourselves visiting a local perya.

There were booths inviting customers to shoot plastic ducks or throw coins onto square-marked boards. There were a number of rides, including a carousel, a horror train and the octopus.

We defied our fear and clambered onto the roller coaster, which shuttered its way across the rails. It was fast, really fast, and the ride shook so hard, making us feel like limp rag dolls being waved around by an angry brat.

At the end of the ride, our feet [illegible] were aching, we all felt weak and one of us had lost a phone.

We walked away from that perya with a set of pictures and some temporary souvenirs—bruises from the crazy roller coaster ride that taught us not [illegible] our fear could be fun. [illegible]



CRAZY CARNIVAL: Retro games and the occasional joke



TORTURE on wheels



SHOOT the ducks









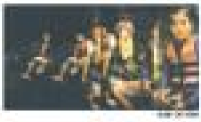
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Televiewers: Stop Joey de Leon

THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION Review and Classification Board has warned "Eat Bulaga" to heed Joey de Leon against making any more "aggravating" comments against "Wowowee" host Willie Revillame. MTRCB Chair Marissa Laguardia said she issued the warning after receiving televiewers' complaints via text messages last week. *Marinel R. Cruz*

DID YOU KNOW...

DALLAS—ACTOR PETER FONDA is auctioning off some of his memorabilia from "Easy Rider," including the American flag taken from the back of the jacket he wore throughout the film. Fonda was producer, co-writer and co-star of the groundbreaking 1969 movie. The flag has an estimated value of $50,000. AP

Why KC has come home



TAKE FIVE

KC CONCEPCION as the "Paris to Pinas" [illegible]

By Marinel R. Cruz

FOR HER GRADUATION GIFT, KC Concepcion asked her mom, Sharon Cuneta, for two things: a Cartier watch, and permission to pursue a career in show business.

"I want her to always be happy with what I do. I don't think I'll be comfortable knowing that she's upset," Mega's daughter said during the launch of her ABS-CBN TV special, "KC from Paris to Pinas."

KC recently finished a BA in International Corporate Communications at the American University in Paris. She is back in the Philippines, she said, "To be of use to this industry and this country."

When you missed Filipino food in Paris, what did you eat?

I've been a pesco-vegetarian for six years now. That means I eat only seafood and vegetables. In Paris, I learned to make tuna adobo and bought vegetarian [illegible] from Filipino [illegible]. Rice is the easiest thing to cook. I fry it with garlic.

When you felt homesick, what did you do?

From Paris, it's easy to travel to other European countries by train. So, whenever I needed to cheer myself up or see other sights, my friends and I take the train.

What's your favorite place in Paris?

There were cafés that I went to when I wanted to be alone. There are also very beautiful gardens there—very quiet, relaxing. You will see some of them on the show.

Were you alone a lot?

No. Paris is a good place for thinking. But I have friends there and we did all sorts of things together.

Do you think it was easy for your mom to let you study abroad?

Of course she had apprehensions, as any mother would. We don't have relatives in Paris—but that was one of the reasons I wanted to study there.

Aside from being independent, what other things did you learn that you can now apply to your life here?

To always explore. To always try to learn new things about other countries. I realized that we're too culturally isolated. We have a lot to learn about our neighbors, whether it's about fashion or politics.

When you're away, what do you miss about the country? When you're here, what do you miss about living abroad?

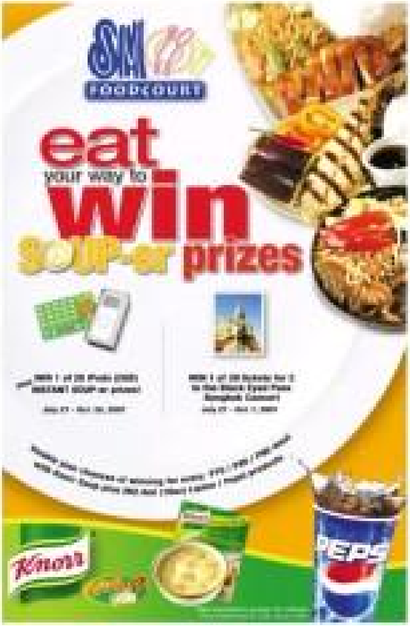
I miss the laughter, which is very much part of our culture. [illegible]

When I'm here, I miss my independence. And I don't always have people around me, so there's time to reflect.

Was your dad (former actor Gabby Concepcion) at your graduation ceremony?

No, although he wanted to come. He promised he'd visit Paris with me someday.

> 'To be of use to this industry and this country'—with mom Mega's permission



Fall Out Boy here for shows

By Pocholo Concepcion

RECENT MTV VIDEO Award winning band Fall Out Boy is arriving in Manila today for two shows at the Araneta Coliseum.

Both concerts, for tomorrow and Friday, are sold out. Tickets went fast online via the MTV Philippines website.

Why is this young American band so hot?

Formed in Chicago in 2001, the group—Patrick Stump (lead vocals, rhythm guitar, composer), Pete Wentz (bass guitar, backup vocals, lyricist), Joe Trohman (lead guitar), and Andy Hurley (drums)—draws its musical energy from punk rock.

Combined with Stump's earnest singing of Wentz's [illegible] lyrics, FOB burns with an intensity that speaks directly to local fans, most probably in their college years.

The band first attracted attention in the US two years ago with the release of its major label debut album, "From Under the Cork Tree," which went double platinum. But FOB's fame became more pronounced when

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‘Sopranos’ win top Emmys





JAMES Spader



TINA Fey

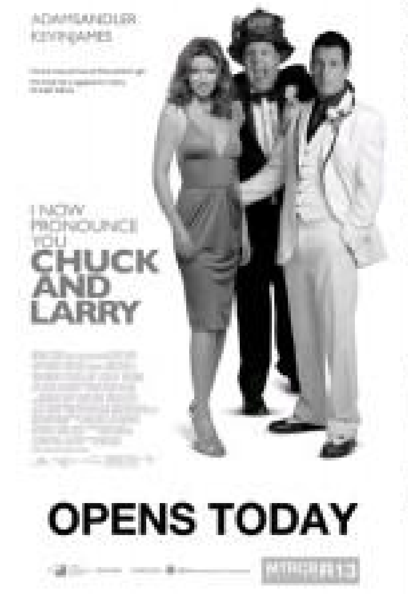
Stealing from the mob



A more open field

The biggest cheer

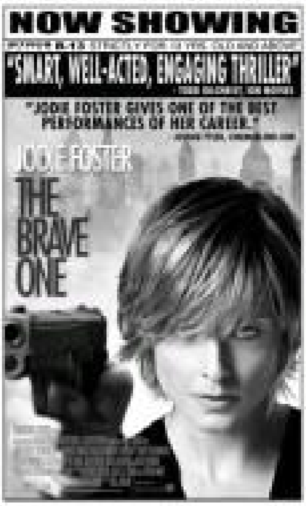
AFP













Opening This Week

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school girls. John Anderson of Variety says "most of the characters seem to be overheated."

The Host

Stars Song Kang-ho, Ko A-sung, Bae Doona, Park Hae-il

Directed by Bong Joon-ho

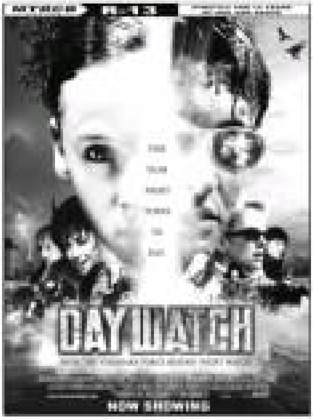
A hit in South Korea, about how a U.S. military base creates a giant monster with male ... Kevin Crust of Los Angeles Times commends its "subversive streak."

Joshua

Stars Sam Rockwell, Vera Farmiga, Jacob Kogan, Dallas Roberts

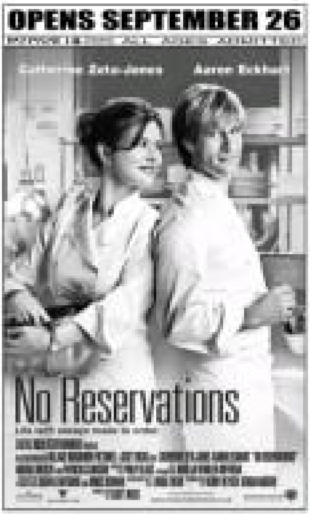
Directed by George Ratliff

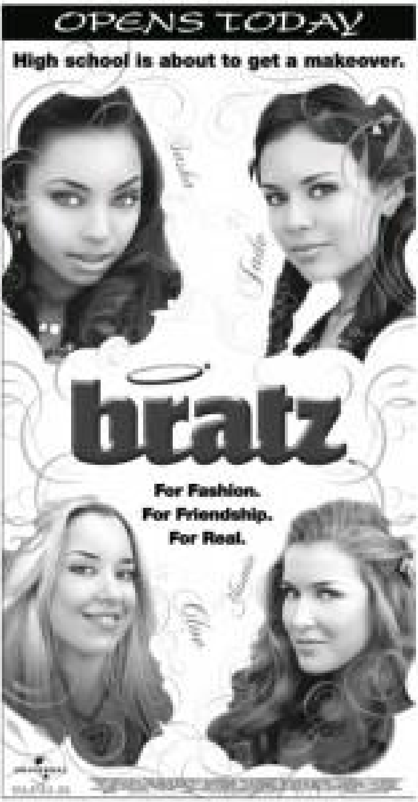
Screened at Sundance, this thriller tracks a rich family's slow descent into madness—as caused by a demonic child. Teresa Budasi of Chicago Sun-Times asserts that it's "not only lovely to look at, it's also intriguing." Exclusively at Ayala Malls.













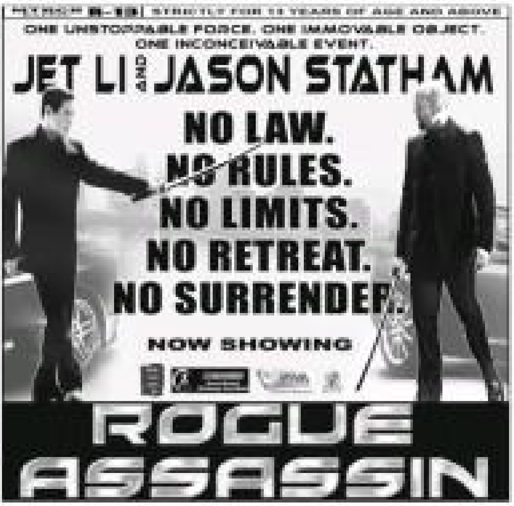




Fall Out Boy . . .



INNER sleeve of FOB's "Infinity on High" CD



AT THE CINEMAS

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	4 JOSHUA	5 UNDERDOG	6 I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY	7 THE BRAVE ONE
GREENBELT 1	1 SHOOT THEM UP	2 I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY		
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MARKET! MARKET!	1 I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY	2 HOST		
	3 ROGUE ASSASSIN	4 BRATZ	5 SHOOT THEM UP	
TRINOMA	1 ROGUE ASSASSIN	2 HOST	3 BRATZ	4 SHOOT THEM UP
	5 UNDERDOG	6 THE BRAVE ONE	7 I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK & LARRY	

AT THE MALLS

Mall	Event
Glorietta	Martin Nievera's Album Launch
Greenbelt	[illegible]
Alabang Town Center	[illegible]
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
Market! Market!	Health & Beauty Outlet Sale
Cinderella	[illegible]
Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	Samsung Exhibit





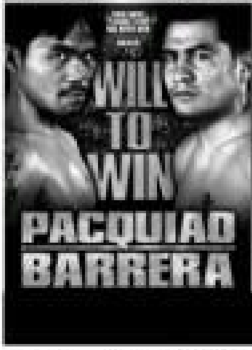
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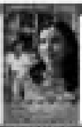
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4 BRATZ	9 I KNOW WHO KILLED ME
5 SHOOT 'EM UP	10 ROGUE ASSASSIN



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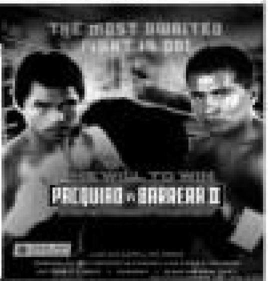
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	5 THE BRAVE ONE

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3 DAYWATCH	3 SKINWALKERS
4 DON'T LOOK BACK	4 FOSTER CHILD

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ENTERTAINMENT


BILLY Crawford

OPENING THIS WEEK

Gulong

Stars: Barbara Perez, Robert Arevalo, Gary Valenciano, Lou Veloso

Directed by Nadine Hernandez

An entry in this year's Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival, this summer movie follows a trio of boys as they try to raise enough money to buy a bicycle. [illegible] "[It] may have a tendency to be ... overly optimistic ... but [it] [illegible] in its moves." Opens Sept. 22 at Robinsons Galleria.

Shoot 'Em Up

Stars: Clive Owen, Monica Bellucci, Paul Giamatti, Greg Bryk

Directed by Michael Davis

An enigmatic loner saves a [illegible] baby from a [illegible] killer. Peter Travers of Rolling Stone calls it "a wet dream for action junkies." Frank Scheck of Hollywood Reporter: "It's all very silly but also undeniably fun."

I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry

Stars: Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Jessica Biel, Steve Buscemi

Directed by Dennis Dugan

Two macho firemen pretend to be a gay couple to illegally secure pension benefits. David Ansen of Newsweek complains: "The premise is high concept of a low order ... not a comedy I'd recommend to friends."

Bratz

Stars: Nathalia Ramos, Skyler Shaye, Janel Parrish, Ann Knight

Directed by Sean McNamara

Based on a line of high-fashion dolls and a TV cartoon, about a gang of high [illegible]

OPENING E5

Top of the weekend's talk shows

By the Inquirer and Inquirer.net Entertainment Staff

LAST WEEKEND'S TALK SHOWS WERE packed, people. Here are the highlights, for those who missed them. (And why we are amused, if we are amused.)

• Alfred Vargas on girlfriend LJ Reyes' reported decision to go away: [illegible]


RUSHES

KC-Lino-Billy

• KC Concepcion on the prospect of working with her rumored boyfriend, TV-film director Lino Cayetano: "I'm open to working with admirable directors. I think he's one of them."

• Gina's response: [illegible]

• Billy Crawford on KC's denial that they were ever together. [illegible]

• Sunshine Dizon on Angelica de Leon's revelation that a former partner is now linked to the "Impostor" star: "Does that matter? We're just friends." (Go ago na!)

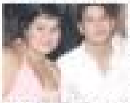
• Marvin Agustin on having invited Jolina Magdangal, by text, to dinner: "He didn't reply ... I think maybe he's a little bit ... upset."

• Marvin's [illegible], on the incident: "I know there was absolutely no malice intended. I think he did not get the text right away. [illegible] Sorry. I don't know the real story. I don't know exactly what happened then. I wasn't here." (That's quite enough.)

• Jom [illegible] on the "no reply" issue: [illegible]

'No, I didn't!'

• Mark Anthony Fernandez [illegible]


AIKO Melendez and Martin Jickain

• Aiko's manager [illegible] the Aiko-Martin split: [illegible]

• Rosanna Roces on [illegible]

• Former actress [illegible]

• Rosanna on why [illegible]

Carnal instinct

• Snooky Serna on filing an annulment case against husband Ricardo Cepeda: [illegible]

• Willie Revillame's [illegible]


WILLIE REVILLAME



